PROCLAMATION

Harriet Tubman Day

WHEREAS: On this day, we honour the legacy of Harriet Tubman, a heroic Black woman who is recognized around the world for courageously leading many former enslaved Blacks on dangerous treks to safety and freedom in Canada.

Harriet Tubman was born into slavery in Maryland, in or around the year 1820. She escaped slavery in 1849 and became a “conductor” on the Underground Railroad. She undertook a reported nineteen trips as a conductor, endeavoring despite great hardship and great danger to lead hundreds of slaves to freedom.

Harriet Tubman settled in Canada and spent about a decade in St. Catharines. She died at her home in Auburn, New York, on March 10, 1913. In honour of her courage, humanitarian efforts, heroism, and her continued fight for human rights, opportunity and justice, March 10 was declared Harriet Tubman Day in the United States of America and in St. Catharines, Ontario.

The legacy of Harriet Tubman continues to be a source of empowerment and inspiration to many. She is a reminder of the progress made in our communities and around the world to end racial discrimination.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim March 10, 2023 as “Harriet Tubman Day” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton